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Dear Interested Party:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and U.S. Forest Service (USFS) have completed their separate Records of Decision related to the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Smoky Canyon Mine Panels F & G Project. Enclosed in this mailing is one copy of each Record of Decision. The EIS and Records of Decision for the project are also available on the Internet at:

BLM: http://www.blm.gov/id/st/en/fo/pocatello/planning/smoky canyon mine.html

Forest Service: http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/caribou-targhee/phosphate/

Because each agency operates under different authorities, the BLM and Forest Service have each issued a separate ROD. The appeal period for the Forest Service, which is 45 days, opens after a legal notice of the decision is published in the Idaho State Journal. The BLM decisions regarding on-lease mining operations are the final administrative determination of the Department of Interior and are not subject to appeal. More detailed information regarding the appeal processes is contained in each respective ROD.

If you would like further information on this project, questions can be directed to Bill Stout, BLM Project Manager, (208) 478-6340 or to Jeff Jones, USFS Project Manager, (208) 236-7500.

Thank you,

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